

## NORTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL COMMISSION.

*From W. T. Dortch and G. V. Strong to W. E. Pell.*

GOLDSBORO, N. C. *August 24, 1868.*

We enclose fifty dollars partial advancement of Gov. Worth's expenses to Washington, and the letter to him, in response to yours of Friday last. We regret that we could not send it yesterday—hope, however, it is not too late.

Yours, etc.,

W. T. DORTCH.

GEO. V. STRONG.

[P. S.]—We can raise more if you think we should. For the sake of secrecy we have only approached a few reliable citizens.

*From Citizens of Goldsboro.*

GOLDSBORO, N. C. *Aug. 24th 1868.*

Asking the  
removal of negro  
troops.

The citizens of this vicinity are under apprehensions for the peace and quiet of this region of the State, in consequence of the concentration of the 40th Reg. of U. S. colored troops at this point, and would be gratified if you can go to Washington and prevail on the President to cause their removal. We apprehend difficulties in consequence of the action of the Legislature and Gov. Holden. Many of the colored people desire to vote with us, but are overawed by the colored troops and are in fear of their lives if they cast their suffrages with us. We would be pleased to have any number of white troops among us, and believe their presence would tend to preserve the peace.

We make these representations in behalf of the good people of this section of the State, who are for order and a free, unbiased, election. You are possessed of full in-